श्री सभापति : नहीं मंगाते हैं तो बस किस्सा खत्म हो गया।

श्री श्याम लाल यादव : देश में मंगा कर फिर उसका उत्पादन किया जाता है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Matto.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO : Sir, we have a certain type of disease in apples in Kashmir called scan and it is very essential that certain imported insecticides are made available. Will the honourable Minister assure us in Kashmir that till such time the indigenous production is reached, import of these insecticides is allowed since these are really needed by us, but are not available in the country ?

श्री सभापति : इनका सवाल यह है कि काश्मीर में इनके एप्पल के लिए जिन पेस्टीसाइड्ज़ की जरूरत है आप मंगवा दें।

श्री श्याम लाल यादव : जैसे काश्मीर गवर्नमेंट ने सुझाव दिया है उसके अनुसार मंगाते हैं।

श्री भजन लाल : देश में दवाओं की कोई कमी नहीं है।

Construction of Doordarshan Studio at Bhubaneswar

*366. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of a Doordarshan studio at Bhubaneshwar is in progress;

(b) if so, by when the construction work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After completion of civil works and installation of equipment, the Doordarshan Studio Centre at Bhubaneswar is envisaged to be completed towards the end of 1990-91.

(c) The approved capital outlay for the project is Rs. 1572.79 lakhs.

SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Sir, it is seen from the reply that the construction is in two parts—one is the civil work and the other is installation of the machinery. The civil work, that is the construction work is going at a very slow pace. So, I would like to know when this will be completed.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Sir, I would like to inform the honourable Member that construction work in respect of the blocks and staff quarters is going on at full swing. Construction of the studio block has reached the first floor, level. As per the present indications, the civil works are expected to be completed by the end of 1989-90. Orders for the equipment have been placed and the studio centre at Bhubaneswar is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1990-91 after supply and installation of the equipment.

SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : It means that it will not be completed by the end of 1989 ?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Sir, it is true that we wanted to complete it earlier and some tenders were also invited for civil works. But the tenders had to be rejected because there were certain flaws. Tenders were invited again and the work of construction of buildings was started in January, 1988 only and that is that reason for the delay.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Basudeb Mohapatra.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Sir, I would like to know from the honourable Minister as to when the work was started and how much amount has been spent so far in the execution of this work.

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT : Sir, after the allotment of the tender, I cannot say exactly the date on which the work was started and how much has been spent. I cannot tell that also. But the work is going on at full speed and I would instruct the Doordarshan authorities to see that it is completed at the earliest and undue delay takes place.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Sir, he has not stated how much amount has been spent.

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT : Sir, I have broadly stated about the progress and I have myself said that I cannot tell how much amount has been spent. I cannot say how much amount has exactly been spent so far.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 367 Mr. Majhi.

Self sufficiency in edible oils

*367. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has taken any steps towards attaining self sufficiency in edible oils ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) and (b) A Statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b) The National Dairy Development Board has collaborated with seven State Government to establish Oilseeds Growers' Cooperative Federations for providing technology, inputs and market support to oilseed growers for increasing production. These States, namely Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa account for nearly 80% of oilseeds production in the country. These Federations have organised 3415 oilseeds farmers societies with about 5 lakhs members cultivating 12 lakh hectares of oilseeds area. The NDDB's GROFED Project envisages coverage of a total of 12 lakh farmers with 25 lakh hectares of oilseeds area at a total cost of Rs. 700 crores.

Further, under Government's Integrated Policy on Oilseeds for accelerating self-reliance in edible oils, the NDDB has been designated as the Market Intervention Agency with a view to stabilise prices of groundnut and rapeseed/mustard oils within a price band which is fair to both the farmer and the consumer. In 1988-89, NDDB has procured oilseeds and oils worth of Rs. 400 crores which has ensured attractive prices for the oilseeds farmer.

SHRI PRITIBHI MAJHI : Sir, according to the reply of the honourable Minister, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa are the oilseeds-producing States. I want to know whether the National Dairy Development Board has taken any steps to encourage oilseed production in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in the State of Assam. I want to know the details.